

C 1 6. (Amended) The process of claim 5, wherein the distillation temperature is 240-270°C and the pressure is 0.6 - 0.8 mmHg.

Please add the following new claims.

C 2 --13. The process of claim 4 wherein the solvent is sulfolane.--

--14. The process of claim 11 which occurs in the presence of a catalytic amount of Cu^+ or Zn^{2+} .--

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments, and reconsideration of this application as amended, is respectfully requested.

This application was allowed on October 28, 2002. The issue fee for this application has not been paid.

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-14 are pending.


New dependent claims 13 and 14 are added. Support for new claim 13 is found in the application as filed, at page 6, line 5. Support for new claim 14 is found in the application as filed, at page 4, lines 7-8.

Claim 6 is amended to correct the dependency of the claim.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 6 as follows.

6. (Amended) The process of claim [4] 5, wherein the distillation temperature is 240-270°C and the pressure is 0.6 - 0.8 mmHg.

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